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SUBJ: KOREA AT 29TH UNGA: FRENCH AMENDMENT

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1. FRENCH COUNSELLOR TRAVERT INFORMED UK FIRST SECRETARY HARDEN MORNING NOV 25 THAT HE NOW IN RECEIPT OF INSTRUCTIONS FROM PARIS TO ACCEPT OUR SECOND COUNTER PROPOSAL WITH RESPECT TO AMENDMENT FRIENDLY KOREAN RES, PROVIDING WE USE WORD "DISSOLUTION" RATHER THAN "TERMINATION" FYI: AMENDMENT NOW AGREEABLE TO FRENCH WOULD REPLACE CLAUSE "INCLUDING FUTURE OF THE UNITED NATIONS COMMAND" WITH FOLLOWING LANGUAGE" "INCLUDING DISSOLUTION OF THE UN COMMAND IN CONJUNCTION WITH ARRANGEMENTS TO MAINTAIN ARMISTICE AGREEMENT"

2. TRAVERT INDICATED THAT FRENCH WOULD PREFER FRIENDLY RES COSPONSORS TO REISSUE RES TO INCORPORATE AMENDMENT. IN RETURN,
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FRENCH WOULD VOTE IN FAVOR FRIENDLY RES AND WOULD SUPPORT US

ON ALL PROCEDURAL ASPECTS OF KOREAN ISSUE. FRENCH WOULD CONTINUE, HOWEVER, TO ABSTAIN ON HOSTILE RES IF IT IS PUT TO A VOTE. TRAVERT AGREED TO SEEK INSTRUCTIONS AS TO WHETHER FRENCH COULD SPEAK IN FIRST COMMITTEE IN ORDER TO ANNOUNCE SUPPORT OF REVISED FRIENDLY RES. TRAVERT SAID THAT ACCORDING TO HIS INSTRUCTIONS IF WE DO NOT ACCEPT THIS FORMULATION FRENCH WILL NOT REPEAT NOT SUBMIT AMENDMENT ON THEIR OWN BUT WILL ABSTAIN ON ALL ASPECTS OF KOREAN QUESTION.

3. COMMENT: UK AND ROK MISSIONS, ALTHOUGH DISAPPOINTED THAT WE CANNOT OBTAIN EITHER FRENCH COSPONSORSHIP OF FRIENDLY RES OR COMMITMENT TO VOTE AGAINST HOSTILE RES, BELIEVE WE SHOULD AGREE TO REVISED LANGUAGE OPERATIVE PARA 2 OUR RES. THEY ARGUE THAT NEW LANGUAGE, MAKING MORE EXPLICIT OUR WILLINGNESS TO SEEK ALTERNATIVE ARRANGEMENTS TO UN COMMAND PROVIDED ARMISTICE AGREEMENT PRESERVED, WOULD MAKE OUR RES MORE ATTRACTIVE TO OTHER STILL UNCOMMITTED NATIONS. DUTCH AND FRG HAVE ALSO INDICATED THEY HOPE WE WILL ACCEPT REVISED LANGUAGE WHICH WOULD INSURE FRENCH SUPPORT FOR OUR RES AND THEREBY BRING ABOUT SINGLE UNIFORM EC-9 POSITION IN FAVOR OUR RES. BECAUSE OPENING OF DEBATE ON KHMER HAS MADE IT DIFFICULT TO BE IN TOUCH WITH OTHER COSPONSORS, WE UNCERTAIN WHETHER JAPANESE, THAIS AND PHILIPPINES WILL AGREE TO IT. WE EXPECT TO MEET WITH ALL KEY COSPONSORS AFTERNOON NOV 26. ON ASSUMPTION NEW LANGUAGE ALSO ACCEPTABLE TO OTHER MEMBERS FRIENDLY RES COSPONSORS CORE GROUP, WE RECOMMEND THAT DEPARTMENT AUTHORIZE US TO ACCEPT CHANGES IN OPERATIVE PARA 2 AS CONTAINED PARA 1 ABOVE AND, ADDITIONALLY, TO AUTHORIZE US TO REISSUE FRIENDLY RES TO INCORPORATE THIS NEW WORDING.
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